

FAMOUS RADIO SHOW FEATURES PHONE FUND

One of the most unique radio programs ever broadcast from an Army installation went on the air Wednesday morning when the story of McGuire General Hospital's free telephone fund was told on the "Breakfast at Sardi's" program. Heard over Station WRNL, the program originated in part in the Hospital Red Cross auditorium, and was a tribute to the people of Richmond and vicinity for the generous manner with which they responded to the Phone Fund.

Honor guest of the occasion, and the person selected to accept an orchid, which is a symbol of praise on the "Breakfast at Sardi's" program, was 11-year old Joan Lee Carneal, a Richmond girl who alone collected more than \$100 for the fund which eventually amounted to \$19,200.

The orchid was presented to Miss Carneal by Private First Class Kermit Rickey, 22, Wytheville, Va., who was wounded May 27 in action near Rome, and who is
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WAR DEPARTMENT ADOPTS GI DEMOBILIZATION PLAN

By Camp Newspaper Service

WITH GERMANY HANGING ON THE ROPES AND AWAITING THE FINAL ALLIED KNOCKOUT BLOW, THE ARMY HAS RELEASED ITS ANSWER TO THE QUESTION UPPERMOST IN THE MINDS OF MANY GI'S. THE QUESTIONS AND SOME OF THE ANSWERS ARE:

CAPT MANN IS NEW 1385th C. O.

Digging ditches, serving as latrine orderly, doing K.P. and attempting to wangle passes and furloughs while he was a private in the ranks has given Captain Jess H. Mann, AGD, new commanding officer of the 1385th Service Unit, an insight into the plans and problems of the average enlisted man, he believes. "I was a private, a corporal and a sergeant for a number of years. I hope my experience will enable me to see that the men get all the breaks they have coming to them," he said today.

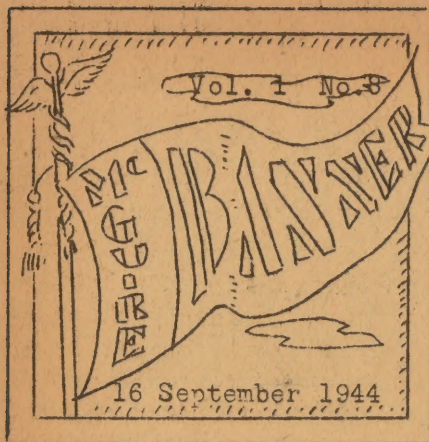
Captain Mann, who is also post security and intelligence officer for McGuire General Hospital, succeeds
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"When am I going to go home?"

The answer can be found in the Army's plan for the readjustment of its military personnel after the defeat of Germany and prior to the defeat of Japan, a plan that calls for a partial demobilization from the Army's present peak strength.

When the war against Germany has ended, the War Department has announced, the military might of the U. S. will be shifted from the European area to the Pacific area. Military requirements in the European and American areas will be drastically curtailed and marked increases will be necessary in the Pacific.

The war is not over yet, but the news for many soldiers is that some of them won't have to stick around
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PUBLICATIONS BAN EASED BY CONGRESS

Congressional clarification of Title V of the Federal Voting Law permits the Army to revise its "instructions on dissemination to members of the armed forces of political argument or political propaganda."

Title V of the law is the much discussed section prohibiting any agency of the Government from delivering to members of the armed forces publications

or communications designed to influence soldier votes. The law was amended lately after the Army's strict interpretation of its provisions led to banning Charles Beard's book, "The Republic" and other works of distinguished authors.

In general, the new regulations permit the distribution of any books, newspapers, magazines, and motion pictures of general circulation to civilians. In addition, sales from Army exchanges, and purchases with non-appropriated funds are no longer under restrictions.

If the Army rebroadcasts a political address, however, it must give equal time, if requested, for such purposes, to each party having a candidate in the Presidential race in six or more states. The same "equal space or time" provision holds true for servicemen's publications, motion pictures, news and educational courses which originated by the Army.

Title V, as amended, provides that when the Army selects books, magazines, or newspapers of general circulation which are limited by transportation difficulties or other exigencies of war, the Secretary of War will prescribe an impartial means of selection. Books distributed overseas will be chosen from those recommended by the Council on Books in Wartime, Inc., while magazines are chosen by testing soldiers' preferences. Newspapers sent overseas in bulk or which are printed in overseas commands as overseas editions are chosen by theatre

THE INQUIRING LINE CNS.

Q. I'm a Regular Army man, see, with two hitch stripes on my sleeve. I have been told that I am not eligible for benefits under the GI Bill of Rights because I'm not a selectee. That sounds fishy but it might be true. Tell me, is it?

A. Of course not. The only eligibility requirement for GI Bill of Rights benefits is that you must have served in the Army on or after Sept. 16, 1940.

Q. I'm attending Cooks and Bakers School but, at heart, I'm really a fighting man. I want to transfer to the Rangers. How can I do this?

A. Right now you're out of luck. The Rangers do not exist as a TO part of the Army. They were formed from men taken from other units in Africa and England. Thus far, no Ranger units have been formed in the U. S.

Q. My brother, who is only 17, just enlisted in the Army by falsifying his age. How can I get him out?

A. Because he is over 16, your brother cannot be discharged for minority until one of his parents or his guardian applies for the discharge.

Army Doctor: "Have you any physical defects?"

Selectee: "Yes, sir. No guts."

commanders on the basis of soldier-preference.

G.I. TRAIN CREW 'ON THE BALL' SAYS MAJOR LARSEN

One of the latest additions to McGuire General Hospital's personnel is the Third Service Command Casualty Transportation Unit, better known as the 1311th Service Unit, under the command of Major Alf B. Larsen, a veteran of 34 years in the service.

The purpose of the organization is to transport combat zone casualties from ports of debarkation within the Third Service Command to McGuire General Hospital, and to transport the same casualties, after a brief stay in McGuire, to Army general hospitals nearer their homes.

McGuire General has been designated by the War Department as an evacuation center for the Hampton Roads Port of Debarkation, Newport News, Va. Most patients remain here for only a few days and are transferred to hospitals nearer their homes provided the selected hospitals have room and facilities for their treatment.

The Third Service Command Casualty Transportation Unit (1311th) consists of officers and men specifically trained to serve hospital trains. Doctors and nurses from the hospital attend to medical needs of the men while en route.

Hospital trains are composed of especially designed army cars, medical kitchen cars, and regular tourist and Pullman cars. The 1311th is organized to operate a maximum of ten separate trains if need be.

One of the most interesting facts concerning hospital trains, according to Major Larsen, is the method of feeding patients and personnel while the train is en route. "The train starts its journey with all types of foodstuffs aboard. While en route, train commanders telegraph ahead to military stations along the road to replenish the supplies. Trained cooks and kitchen police do the rest. Meals are served hot and on time to the patients," he said.

Major Larsen described the procedure for an average train by saying: "A train pulled out of McGuire General Hospital shortly before noon. At twelve o'clock the patients were eating a dinner of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, fresh vegetable salad, sliced tomatoes, ice cream, milk, and coffee. To accomplish this, the kitchen personnel had been hard at work since seven o'clock that morning."

CAPTAIN MANN

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Captain Kenneth E. Lands, MAC, who has been assigned to another Army post.

Previous to coming to McGuire General Hospital, Captain Mann was in Third Service Command offices in Baltimore. His wife, the former Miss Rose Armigar, Baltimore, and their two children, will not join him in Richmond for the time being, he said.

SUGGESTIONS FROM MCGUIRE OUTNUMBER OTHER ARMY POSTS

Figures released by the Third Service Command Suggestions Committee, Baltimore, reveal that McGuire General Hospital is leading all Army hospitals in this command in the number of ideas submitted for the conservation of Uncle Sam's property and money. That is the announcement of William W. Rowan, Suggestions Committee administrator from Headquarters, who paid a visit to McGuire General this week. McGuire, during August, submitted 43 questions as against Valley Forge General Hospital with six, Woodrow Wilson General Hospital with five, and none for Deshon General Hospital.

Weekly sessions of the local committee are held each Friday. Suggestion boxes have been placed in convenient locations throughout the hospital. "There is no reason why McGuire personnel shouldn't obey the slogan, 'Don't Gripe! — Suggest!'" said Captain Ralph E. Carlson, control officer and newly appointed chairman of the committee. Roland L. Troxler, chief of the civilian personnel branch, is a new member of the committee.

Jail Break. In Indianapolis, the police caught Mark Virgin climbing over the wall into the Indiana Women's prison. He explained that he was the prison engineer and had forgotten his keys.

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McGUIRE JEWRY WILL OBSERVE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Rosh Hashonah, (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur, (the Day of Atonement) the most important Holy days of the year for McGuire General Hospital men of Jewish faith, will not be observed in the hospital, but complete observances have been planned in all the Synagogues of Richmond to which ambulatory patients and post personnel are invited.

Complete information as to scheduled services may be obtained from headquarters of the Richmond National Jewish Welfare Board. A formal holiday dance, sponsored by the USO-National Jewish Welfare Board will be held on the roof garden of the John Marshall Hotel. Men and women of the Armed Forces are invited.

SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE ENTERTAINMENT

An entertainment doubleheader, starring two favorite local bands, this week in the Red Cross Auditorium, high-spotted a lively program of fun for McGuire patients and personnel, it was announced by Lieutenant Dale A. Van Vacter, Special Services officer.

Friday night's show featured Kitty Breeze, popular WRVA vocalist, and a 12-piece band in a revue beginning at 6 P.M. After a ten minute break, the curtains parted for a concert of classics and jive featuring Camp Lee's all Negro 327th ASF band, which was conducted by WO Ben Durant.

Next billing of USO-Camp Shows is "Swing Time Follies" with a Broadway cast well-seasoned by months overseas. The revue comes to McGuire Tuesday, September 26.

Also booked for future Special Services presentations are variety shows, choruses and theatrical groups, Lt. Van Vacter said.

WMC GETS JOBS FOR RETURNING WAR VETERANS

More than 50,000 returning servicemen are finding jobs each month through the efforts of the War Manpower Commission's veteran's employment service, it was announced this week. The total of placements, so far, exceeds the 500,000 figure, according to the same statement.

The agency has the responsibility of placing those veterans among the 1,279,000 already back home who do not wish to return to their former employment, or who did not have jobs when they entered the service. The program for returning veterans to their old jobs is administered by Selective Service.

San Francisco has added six women to its police force. All have been given three-wheeled motorcycles.

COL. DUGGIN'S MAKES PURPLE HEART AWARDS

In the first ceremony of its kind since McGuire General Hospital was opened, Purple Heart decorations were given to two patients Thursday by Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer.

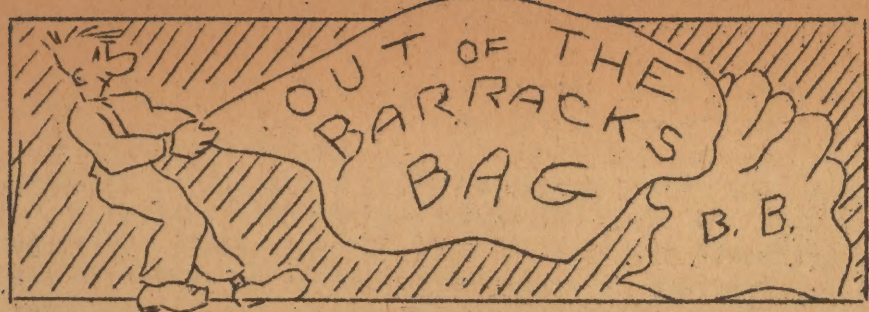
The patients were: Staff Sergeant Ralph Suter, formerly of Oakland, Cal., and Private John R. Darr, Baltimore, Md. Both men had been wounded in the war in Europe, and had been recommended for the decorations.

While pinning the Purple Hearts on their pajamas, Colonel Duggins commended them for their actions, and said in part: "You were good soldiers, and we are all proud of you."

What about submitting your ideas for improvements to the Suggestions Committee?



"Isn't this sea air invigorating?"



NEWARK, N. J. (CNS)--Police here have nabbed "Chesty Charlie" Monahan, who, they claim, is Newark's notorious "pants pocket burglar," sought in a series of thefts for more than two years. "Chesty Charlie" say police, always dressed as a woman, always jimmied his way into bedrooms at night and never stole anything except what he found in pants' pockets.

OAKLAND, CAL. (CNS) -- Mrs. Very Perry won a divorce when she testified that her husband soaked her shoes in hot water, then put them in the oven and baked them to a crisp. "He was a mean one," she explained.

PUTNEY, VT. (CNS)--While Leon Wood was milking a cow, the cow picked Leon's pocket and swallowed his wallet. Wood then killed the cow, recovered his wallet and also a darning needle, two fish-hooks, his driver's license and his A-gasoline ration book, all of which the cow had swallowed previously.

SOUTHERN FRANCE (CNS)--French women in this area were very happy when U. S. Fortresses dropped guns and supplies to the Maquis. They used the silk parachutes to make, uh--unmentionables.

NEW YORK (CNS) --- Fred Allen, the comic, has written to the manufacturer of build-up shoes to place an order for built-down shoes. "I am four inches taller than Mrs. Allen," he complained, "and would like to buy a pair of shoes that lowers a man four inches."

OMAHA, NEB. (CNS) --Policeman Nels Sorensen spotted a man walking a white chalk line along the main street in Omaha. "Hey," he hollered, "get off the street." The man paused. "Sh-sh-sh," he said. "I'm trying to prove to myself that I'm sober." Later he sobered up in jail.

PUEBLO, COL. (CNS) -- A bull snake entered the home of a Pueblo family. The family immediately attacked the snake with poisonous gas, then evacuated the house and spent the night in the family auto. The snake sniffed the fumes for a while and then quietly left.

SEATTLE (CNS)--Two buses halted at an intersection. The driver of one, a man, climbed out and kissed the driver of the other one, a woman, smack on the mouth. "She's my wife," he explained to his astonished passengers. "We work different shifts and the only time I see her is at this intersection."

WASHINGTON (CNS)--Of all the men wounded in battle, 96 per cent now recover, the War Department has disclosed. This amazing record, the WD says, is due to modern medical equipment.

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The War Department has announced a new plan to aid discharged servicemen in returning to the jobs they left behind them.

As soon as a man is separated from the Army, the WD will send a card to his old employer advising him that the GI is ready to go to work again. These cards will be used in every case where the records show that the man left employment to enter military service.

FRANCE (CNS) -- Captain Johnny Johnson, No. 1 RAF fighter ace, raised his total to 37 enemy planes destroyed when he shot down two FW 190's over France recently.

ELMIRA, N. Y. (CNS) -- A marine did a reverse strip tease here recently - and sold his uniform for \$65,550 worth of war bonds.

The marine appeared at a local bond auction in civilian clothes. Then, piece by piece, he put on his uniform as bids were made by spectators. Bids ranged from \$50 for his hat to \$50,000 for a gun to put in his hand.

FT. BENNING, GA. (CNS)--Sgt. William Eiler made a parachute landing in a clump of trees, then discovered to his pain that the clump was camouflage for a concrete highway. He will live.

DEMobilIZATION PLAN

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to the finish, to serve their complete "duration and six," but instead will be discharged into civilian life.

In order to bring about this gradual demobilization of excess personnel, the Army first will transfer many men from theaters no longer active to the Pacific war zone, or from the United States to the Pacific war zone.

Then, men declared surplus to the needs of each overseas theater and to the major commands in the United States will be assembled in the U. S. From among them, some men will be declared essential, and "a substantial number" will be declared non-essential to the new military needs of the Army. The latter will be returned to civilian life.

To determine the fairest method of discharging men, the WD went to the soldiers themselves. Thousands of GI's were interviewed and their opinions formed the principles of the Army's plan.

As finally worked out, the plan accepted by the WD will allow men who have been overseas, and men with dependent children to have priority of separation. Ninety per cent of the soldiers interviewed said that this is the way it should be.

In brief, the plan works like this:

An "Adjusted Service Rating Card" will be issued to all enlisted personnel

after the defeat of Germany. On this card the following four factors will determine the priority of separation:

1. Service credit--based upon the total number of months of Army service since Sept. 16, 1940.

2. Overseas credit--based upon the number of months served overseas.

3. Combat credit--based upon the first and each additional award to the individual soldier of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and Bronze Service Stars. These are the only awards for which credit will be given.

4. Parenthood credit--which gives credit for each dependent child under 18 up to a limit of three children.

The value of the point credits will be announced after the end of the fighting in Europe. The total point score will be used to select surplus men from the theaters overseas and in the U. S. The score also will be used when "a certain portion of all these surplus men will be declared non-essential and returned to civilian life."

In all cases, of course, the demands of military necessity and the needs of the war against Japan must first be met. Regardless of a man's priority standing, certain types of personnel can never become surplus as long as the war against Japan continues. Most GI's realize that the war will not be won, nor the peace enjoyed, until Japan has been defeated.

FREE PHONE FUND SALUTED

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now a patient in McGuire General Hospital.

Others taking part in the program, which was heard from coast to coast, were: Colonel P.E. Duggins, McGuire commanding officer, and Lieutenant Howard B. Leeds, hospital public relations officer. Colonel Duggins, who was introduced by Lieutenant Leeds, said in part: "I won't try to tell you people who contributed to the telephone fund just how appreciative the patients are for your efforts. I wish it was possible for you to see the light in their eyes and the straightening in their shoulders as they hang up the telephone after completing that first call to the home folks. That would be reward enough for you, no matter whether you contributed a dime or a hundred dollars."

The McGuire Free Telephone Fund, originated by the Richmond News-Leader newspaper, entitles every overseas patient in McGuire General Hospital to one free three-minute telephone call to any person in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, or Hawaii.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)---The villain in a thrilling movie serial so incensed one 11-year-old patron of a local theatre that he peppered the screen with BB shot, necessitating the installation of a new screen.

McGUIRE BAND IS ORGANIZED

If practice makes perfect, the recently organized McGuire General Hospital orchestra will be among the finest on any Army post. Members have been authorized by Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, to practice a minimum of eight hours a week, and those eight hours will be considered "duty hours," it was announced this week.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Cpl. Hans Panofsky, consists at present of six pieces, but will be augmented later by additional instruments. Practice sessions have been arranged from 1300 to 1700 Tuesdays and Fridays. The orchestra will play for the benefit of patients and post personnel, and for special occasions, accord-

AGAINST S.O.P.

The staff general had seen it with his own eyes: An MP outfit in Brittany had trained its pet hare and a mongrel dog to chase each other. Dutifully making his report, the staff general reported the phenomenon to his commander.

"A hare chasing a dog? Why, that's against standard operating procedure."

ing to plans of the Special Services Office.

Members are, in addition to Cpl. Panofsky: Sgt. Leverett Tanner, Cpl. Stephen Kubica, Pfc. William Elson, Pfc. Walter Kellar, and Pvt. Jack Marcus.

Members of post personnel desiring to join the orchestra and who have their own instruments are urged to contact Cpl. Panofsky by telephoning Extension 437.



POST THEATRE HOURS

6:15 AND 8:15 P.M.

Saturday, 16 Sept.

"SAN FERNANDO VALLEY"

Roy Rogers and Dale Evans - Added features: "Merrie Melodie" and a "Sportscope."

Sunday, 17 Sept.

"DRAGON SEED"

Katharine Hepburn and Walter Huston. Also an RKO Pathe News film.

Tuesday, 19 Sept.

"ATLANTIC CITY"

Constance Moore, Brad Taylor, and the Paul Whiteman Orchestra. Also the Army-Navy Screen Magazine and a Terry Toon.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

"GIRL CRAZY"

Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, and the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. Added feature of Carrillo and Romero in Bugs Bunny.

Thursday, 21 Sept.

"JANIE"

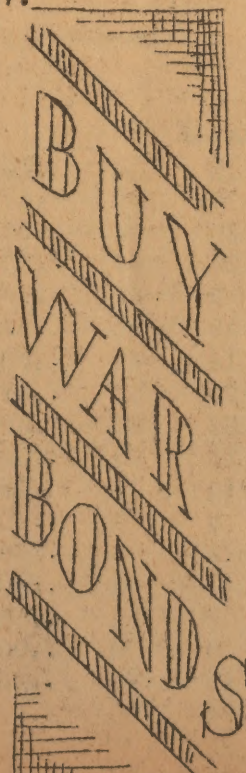
Joyce Reynolds, Ann Harding, Edward Arnold, and Robert Benchley. Also an Army-Navy Screen Magazine and an RKO Pathe News.

THEATRE CLOSED MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

First Aid Instructor: "What would you do if you got hydrophobia?"

Private: "Bite the first sergeant."

"I just left a deposit on a new fall hat," said Mrs. Sparrow.



LIBRARY
LOG

Do patients in McGuire General Hospital want to read books? Are they here long enough to become interested in reading? What do they want to read? These and similar questions are the daily diet of members of the hospital library staff.

Yes, they want to read, and no, they do not! You may as well ask, "Do men in general like to read?" Some do, some do not, and their reading interests vary with the individual.

True, the majority do not want long, heavy books, although a minority will ask for ANTHONY ADVERSE or ALL THIS AND HEAVEN, TOO,

Many want only magazines. Life, Look, Time, Reader's Digest, the inevitable "comics." Men who are not able to settle down to serious reading will chuckle at Price's WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE or Darrow's YOU'RE SITTING ON MY EYELASHES. Mysteries and westerns are tops in popularity, and readers have definite favorites. The "Perry Mason" fan can seldom be persuaded to try an Ellery Queen or an Agatha Christie.

Often, interests and occupations as civilians influence their choice of reading matter. A soldier whose family were in show business wanted Billboard and enjoyed PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE MOVIES. Outdoor Life, Field and Stream, and books on hunting and fishing interest the sportsman. Science, photography, art, -- books on every subject are asked for.

USO SYMPHONY
AT PARKING
LOT CANTEEN

A series of Sunday afternoon symphonic concert are being held at the USO Parking Lot Canteen, Seventh and Grace Streets, in Richmond. Servicemen and their guests are invited, and ambulatory patients from McGuire General Hospital will receive special attention, according to the announcement.

Concerts, sponsored by local women's colleges, get underway promptly at 4:30 p. m. each Sunday. They will continue through October.

The Richmond Army Air Base Glee Club will be featured with the Westhampton College Alumnae group acting as hostesses next Sunday.

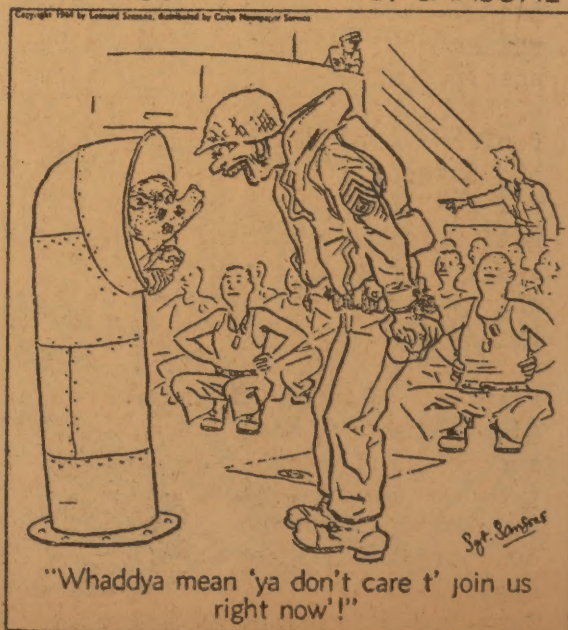
Following each concert, a refreshment hour will be observed at the USO Club.

FINAL SOFTBALL BATTING AVERAGES

	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Atmanchik	17	53	17	25	.471
Conway	28	87	20	33	.379
Allison	29	91	24	32	.351
Peters	28	72	9	25	.347
Finkler	25	71	15	23	.323
Miller	29	81	14	26	.320
Ancypowic	31	90	22	25	.277
Vaeth	34	107	26	28	.261
Roffman	29	83	13	21	.253
Cheswick	26	57	19	11	.192
Sutula	7	15	3	3	.200
Bowie	3	5	1	3	.600
Balsamo	2	5	1	2	.400
Williams	2	3	2	1	.333
Kraus	3	7	0	0	.000
Released		161	35	41	.254
		992	221	300	

THE WOLF

by SANSONE



McGUIRE WINTER ATHLETICS START

A full scale athletic program for McGuire men and women is shaping up with commencement of weekly boxing classes in the gymnasium and first call for candidates for a 1385 basketball team.

Plans are also underway for inter-mural basketball competition in the detachment, involving a team from each barrack, it was announced by Private Al Bianco, gymnasium manager.

S/Sgt. Bill Allison, basketball coach, indicates hopes to enter a winning McGuire five in the State Servicemen's Conference. First practice was held in the gym this week.

A wide interest has been shown in the boxing class, the first of which was staged Wednesday, according to Pvt. Bianco. Classes for beginners only will take place each week in the gym. The day of the week will be announced soon.

One night each week will be set aside for female military personnel on the post, Bianco added. Among the plans for the girls in O.D. are a basketball team and volley ball team.

Equipment will be made available by the gym, which comes under Special Services Branch. Bianco said equipment is expected soon.

Basio Invasion. In Normandy, Canadian Lieutenant Charlie Hudson encountered a French boy, said, "Bon jour." Replied the French boy: "Got any gum, chum?"



Basketball practice, you say? Hey, wait a minute. We haven't even had a chance to make a resume of the highly successful softball season of the McGuire Generals. We didn't nail any trophies, that's true, but we won 22 out of 34 games against highly seasoned competition. Show us a better percentage for a first year team. Coach Sheppeck and every man on the team deserve a tremendous amount of credit for the blazing path they paved for athletics at McGuire General Hospital.

It was an exciting season, full of ups and downs. The second half Municipal League flag was lost by the narrow margin of one unearned run.

Oh, yes, the Generals finished in a tie for second place with the powerful Reynolds Metals aggregation after gaining the sweet satisfaction of whipping those "invincibles" by the tune of 6-1. Reynolds won the Municipal flag by trouncing the Naval Training School team, second half winners, in two consecutive games. McGuire then reached the quarter finals, had an off night against a team from Camp Pickett, and that was

SHORT SOFTBALL TAKES

Conway's tremendous jump from .095 to near the top of the betting list, and some beautiful game-saving stabs in shortfield.

Allison's inspired catching with a game leg that would have benched a less determined player.

Atmanchik pitching and playing at third and always giving the game the best he had in him.

Finkler Twinkletoes in center dragging in some of the best bunts we've ever seen.

Peters consistently good in left field.

Roffman in right field always pulling the "unexpected."

Miller, a good late season hitter, showing his versatility when switched to plug a hole at second.

Vaeth, the bulwark of defense. They couldn't get them by him in short center. And Cheswick, he of the enormous reach, scooping them in from all sides.

Some excellent players departed during the season including Boyer, Roberts, Price, Levitan, and Cronin (who departed and returned). Others were Dora, Sutula, Bowie, Balsamo, Williams,

Looking 'em Over

by S/Sgt.
Bill
Allison

Lt. Mickey Cochrane of Great Lakes has a sure fire close for his speeches at banquets and like occasions. Mickey says, "I hope the next world series will be played in the Oriental league for the "championship of Tokio."

When basketball was in its infancy, one personal foul disqualified a player for the entire season.

A U. S. Marine home on leave a short while ago told of a Japanese prisoner whose first question after his capture was, "Who won the 1942 world series?" The Jap explained that he had toured the United States with a college nine before the war.

A generation ago Germany, Italy, and Japan tried to copy our American system of sports and actually adopted some of our games. But the axis could not import in ten generations the American spirit of athletic competition, the spirit of play which engenders champion man power because it encourages individual

brilliance as well as disciplined teamwork.

There's nothing to the story that Babe Ruth will come back to baseball as a pinch-hitter. The Babe is far too old and far too fat to even attempt such a thing even though he was offered the five-figure salary he would be certain to demand.

Ruth plans to confine his future athletics to golf, Kelly pool and poker, although he would jump at the chance to manage a big league ball club. He has admitted several times he would be interested in a "proposition." However, there isn't much likelihood that he will ever land. He's been out of uniform too long.

Ruth still has the flair and baseball instinct that carried him to the top, but that doesn't help him now.

Babe doesn't like to talk about his troubles in trying to get a manager job, or the rough deal he got in Boston where he was

exploited so unmercifully during his last year in game. He would rather talk about the fun he had when he was the king pin of the Nation's pastime. Like the time he was on the mound for the Red Sox before he became an outfielder. He argued with an umpire who threatened to throw him out of the game. Ruth said he would punch the umpire on the nose. "He did, and I did," chuckles Ruth.

JOKE

A man went into a bar and ordered a dry martini, drank it, chewed off the bowl of the glass, swallowed it, and tossed the stem of the glass over his shoulder. He repeated the performance for six straight martinis, then said to the bartender who had been staring at him in some curiosity: "I suppose you think I'm crazy, don't you?"

"I sure do," answered the bartender. "The stems of them glasses are the best part."

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

LACKEY IN KHAKI GOES WACY



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